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leather on this floor. But the point I wanted to make is this, what Senator Landis does in the way of a termite is to go under the surface of the wall. You might have wallpaper, you might have some...this old cheap board that looks like wood but it's not; and you take up residency in the penthouse, Senator Bourne; you think everything is all right. You don't hear anything, you don't sense anything. Then one day, you step out of your bathtub on the floor and wind up in the basement because Senator Landis, in his termite-like way, has removed all of the supports; there is nothing there anymore. There is the appearance of a support, but when you step on it, nothing is there and you're gone. He put me into the basement on this amendment. But I think it was a good move on his part, because it allows us to just discuss the lack of merit of this bill. He thinks it's a good bill; I think that it's not. I think that what is being done, not by Senator Landis but by the Governor's office is to feather his political nest. He's trying to dot something here to a rural area, something there to a rural area, something here to a special interest group by telling the Department of Economic Development, you're not going to have to do what you're created for. If this that is in this bill is not the work of the Department of Economic Development, what is that department supposed to do? Is the only function of that department to sit there and be a conduit through which passes money from the Legislature to private outfits that are going to be contracted with to do that which the department ought to be doing itself. What does this bill do? It teaches a beggar how to say "gimmie".

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Go to somebody who's got something that you want and say "gimmie", say it with a smile. Then they're going to try to match you up with somebody, once you learn how to say "gimmie", who's got that which you're going to ask for when you say "gimmie". Then this person that you have been matched up with is going to give you some money, supposedly. I will have the opportunity to ask questions and go into more detail in terms of my opposition, but I hope we will look at the essence of this bill and see that there is no legitimate reason for it to be enacted into law.